

LESSON PLAN: "LITTLE WOMEN" IDEAS

AGES: Middle School, High School, College

DESCRIPTION

A few ideas for anyone interested in producing or directing *Little Women*.

MATERIALS

Varies per Option.

FULL LESSON PLAN

- Organize a trip to the Orchard House Museum in Concord, Massachusetts (399 Lexington Road) where Louisa May Alcott was inspired to write the book *Little Women* and many others. It offers tours with characters in role, writing workshops and much more.

- Locate a Civil War re-enactor such as Abraham Lincoln and have him make an appearance at a rehearsal to discuss the role of women during the Civil War and interesting ways to act in a different time period.

- Have the students write journal entries or fantasy stories like Jo March did in *Little Woman*. Display their writing samples with their headshots in a lobby etc.

- Purchase a small chest or box in which students can write notes to each other in character. Place the labeled notes in the box and arrange a mail delivery at the end of each rehearsal. The notes must be written in character such as Laurie to Jo or Jo to Beth.

- Teach Virginia Reel or a square dance to the cast. Incorporate the dance into warm-ups and then the song Five-Forever.